

Bill Would Make Concealed Firearm Permits Recognizable Across State Lines

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence reaffirmed his commitment to the Second Amendment today by voting in support of H.R. 822, the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011. This bill allows law-abiding gun owners with valid state-issued conceal-carry firearm permits to carry a concealed weapon in states that also issue conceal-carry firearm permits. The bill passed 272-154.

"The right to keep and bear arms is enshrined in the Second Amendment of the Constitution, and this bill reaffirms that right by providing relief to responsible gun owners from having to obtain multiple conceal-carry permits from multiple states," said Pence. "This bill simplifies the permitting process for those who exercise their Second Amendment rights while upholding state laws governing the use of firearms."

Background:

This legislation would not affect state laws governing how firearms are carried or used within the individual states. Rather, it allows state-issued conceal-carry permits to serve owners in a manner similar to how a drivers' license currently serves its owner when used in a different state.

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